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McMASTER AND OSGOODE WIN

In Semi-Final Debates held Friday Night

FINALS IN JANUARY

The Judges had Difficulty in Making Their Decisions

Resolved "That municipal bonuses to corporations are detrimental to the public interest and should be prohibited by law." Affirmative (Victoria), H. E. Manning, B. H. Robinson, B.A.; Negative (Osgoode), Thos. Crossthwaite, L. S. Cuddy. Judges — Rev. Father Carr, B.A., T. E. Hodgins, K.C., A. G. Browning, B.A. Unanimous decision in favour of Osgoode who will meet McMaster in the finals in January.

The semi-finals in the Inter-College Debating Union held Friday evening in the Victoria Chapel certainly provided an oratorical feast for those enthusiasts who, undaunted by the grim spectre of approaching term exams, turned out to cheer their representatives to victory. "Vic" had their justly famous bunch of "co-ed. rooters" out in force and had song sheets distributed with parodies ranging from "Old Hundred" to "Put your arms around me honey."

"Argument and eloquence and telling facts galore" was the impression carried away by a casual onlooker as regards the style of delivery and subject matter of both debating teams. The fact that platform style was awarded 40% and the merits of the arguments advanced 60% was pointed out by Prof. N. W. DeWitt, Ph., D. who very unostentatiously fulfilled the duties of chairman.

Summing up the points briefly, the affirmative maintained that the bonusing of corporations by municipalities was a vicious principle, one calculated to destroy the economic balance of industrial activity. It results, declared Mr. Manning, in the withdrawal of capital to unprofitable locations thus entailing net loss to the country. Arguing in favor of prohibition by provincial enactment, he held that municipalities were not qualified to judge of their own comparative desirability as the base of operations for a particular industry. In every case it was merely exploitation as a bonus was either necessary or unnecessary. If the former, the industry was misplaced and therefore the grant was unjust. If the latter, it was robbery of the people.

Mr. Robinson followed the line of argument established by his colleague, dwelling particularly upon the evils resulting to the individual ratepayer, the municipality as a whole and the country in general. He would not deny that bonused industries had prospered in many cases, but maintained that the burden fell upon those unable to bear it. The workman was forced to pay increased prices to tradesmen for the increased tax on the latter's business, as well as the direct tax on himself as a result of the debenture issue for the amount of bonus. Also, citing experts as authorities, that the increased cost of living where the bonus system prevailed was greater than the increased prosperity and that the whole tendency was to reduce the productive efficiency of the country.

The Negative pointed out that the value of the bonus system lay in the assistance given to struggling firms, which later grew to gigantic proportions. Beside the actual money grant, or free site or immunity from taxation, it indirectly was invaluable as giving prestige to the firm in question. The aid thus given enabled them to successfully buck up against monopolistic trusts. The policy of decentralization of industries was necessary to encourage growth of town and thus provide a ready and sufficiently large market for surrounding agricultural districts. Futhermore that the rise in property values as a result of the securing of the industry was such that there was no proportionate increase in the bond indebtedness. The evils incident to the bonus

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BASKETBALL GAMES

Interest is being worked up in Sifton Cup Games

The Inter-faculty basket ball series for the Sifton Cup is attracting well-deserved attention and those who have not as yet made it a point to attend these games are missing some interesting contests. The class of ball put up this year is as good as, if not superior to what prevailed in the intercollegiate series itself in former years.

To-morrow a double-header is carded—Victoria goes up against Wycliffe at 4.15 p.m. at the Gym., with C. H. Cunning-ham weilding the official whistle. At 5 p.m. those old-time friends, Junior Arts and Junior Meds will furnish an exhibition of acrobatic awkwardness, and D. Wood will see to it that no unnecessary gore is shed in the process.

Two games took place in the Sifton Cup series on Friday afternoon in the Gym. Sr. Arts beat Dents in overtime by 21-17. The embryo teachers chopped wood with the lumbermen. The chips fell 16 to 7.

STUNT NIGHT

The last meeting of the Foresters' Club, took the form of a "Stunt" Night or demonstration evening in which various tricks of camp trail and portage were described and demonstrated.

The President, Mr. Finlayson, disposed of the business very briefly.

The "Good Horse Booze," a rakisk barrelly creature was led out, and Mr. Dick Lewis, assisted by Stan. Clark showed several "two-man" hitches. The U.S. Army hitch, double diamond, and some "one man" hitches. Geo. Tunstell scored a hit with a "lightning hitch."

Mr. R. McG. Watt, who has snow-shoed all over New Brunswick to say nothing of Queen's Park, spoke on snow-shoes—literally and figuratively describing the various styles used in different localites, their uses economic and social, and showed various ties, good bad, and indifferent, including the Squaw-hitch which stays put.

Mr. Finlayson produced a Chestnut canoe. He showed various methods of packing a canoe with paddles and tumpline, and this part of the programme concluded with a general discussion on tump-lines, pack-sacks, etc.

The crowd then adjourned to the rear of the Forestry Campus where they partook of some excellent camp cooking prepared by Buck Irwin and staff of cookees. If If the head-cook had not tried to watch Queens' Hall and a frying pan simultaneously he might not have caught the flap-jack in his hair.

The session ended with a "war-dance" around the fire and one last song for the benefit of the listening 'fair.'

"Stunt" night promises to become a permanent institution.

INTERMEDIATE SOCCER

Saturday afternoon in the mud, Varsity II soccer team decisively trimmed the Grand Trunks in the T. & D. intermediate league by the score of 5-0. Varsity were superior to their opponents in all departments and won out handily. This gives Varsity the lead in their division.

U. C. RECEPTION

On Saturday last, the Sophs of University College entertained the other years at the season's most brilliant reception. The music was good, the refreshments were "par excellence," in fact, the whole affair was a big success.

All seemed successful in having a good time, and the executive, in their neat sateen uniforms with velvet facings, did their best to make things run as smoothly as possible.

WATER POLO SEMI-FINALS

On Friday, School defeated Arts in the semifinals 11-5. The game was closer than the score would indicate but the winners came out ahead by hard checking and excellent shooting.

Meds won from Knox by default so the final game will be between School and Meds.

EXCELLENT SPEAKING

Was Order of the Day at the University College Dinner

"For its always fair weather When good fellows get together."

This was the spirit that prevailed among the 125 men who attended the Arts Dinner, Thursday evening. Seated at long tables groaning under the weight of those never-to-be-forgotten delicacies so appetisingly prepared by the Dining Hall authorities, every body proceeded to enjoy himself to the full. The fact that seated at one end of the hall and occupying the upper seats in the sanctuary were representatives of the Faculty did not in the least deter from the mirth-provoking feats always so prominent on such occasions. Nor mirabile, ductu, did it affect the appetite of even the most astute and wise looking senior or the innocent freshman, making his debut among such surroundings.

After full justice had been done to the grand dinner, the whole assembly resolved itself, into a strictly informal gathering and listened to the speeches which were made in proposing and responding to the toasts.

The first toast that to the King was proposed by the chairman, Dr. Ellis, who referred to the commendable spirit evidenced by the present line of sovereigns that of a strict adherence to duty.

THE EMPIRE.

"The Empire" was proposed by Mr. Jackson a newly arrived member of the staff from Oxford. In a witty humorous speech Mr. Jackson made a hit with the gathering by offering the suggestion that in order to more strongly cement the bonds of union among the different parts of the British Empire, an Empire Rugby Union should be instituted. Reference was made to the position of a Canadian as leader of the Conservative party in England as evidence of the fact that exitizen of any part of the Empire can rise to be head in any part of it.

Messrs. E. B. Osler and Frank Yeigh spoke in response to the toast. "The Empire," said Mr. Osler, "is a theme that should command our greatest enthusiasm and eloquence. It is worthy of our respect and admiration and we must do our part in upholding its traditions. In a great University like this turning out men who will be leaders of the country, a great change in the tone of the whole of Canada can be affected if each student goes out determined to do his best towards making Canada a better and greater nation."

Mr. Yeigh in a clear and forceful speech brought out many of the more significant and outstanding characteristics of the Empire. In Canada our loyalty to the Empire is not a recent development but is deep seated in the struggle for our rights fought out by our forefathers. Now the notes of "God Save the King" resound all over the world and from meridian to meridan hands are clasped in that indissoluble bond of union.

CANADA.

Canada was proposed by Mr. J. J. Bell, Certain impressions of Canadian students were given by the speaker. What most characterises us is the glorious freedom of every body. "You don't seem to care whether you go to lectures or not." (applause). Our great capacity of getting a great deal out of nothing is very marked. This very commendable virtue may become a vice as when a few facts and a general principle or two are served up as an essay (laughter). We are, however, free from those men whose only ambition it is to get two letters after their name merely as a means of self advertisement. This is caused by the fact that our fees are not paid for us by the state but we have to work for them (Hear, hear).

Mr. Bell expressed himself as very strongly in favor of a University battalion and the joining of it by every man.

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ART OF LIVING

Was Subject of Sermon by Professor James Hardy Ropes

The body of Convocation Hall was well filled Sunday morning to hear Professor James Hardy Ropes of Harvard University delivered a deeply thoughful address on the Spiritual application of "efficiency in work." Interest in life, he declared, was the essential to the successful accomplishment of work." The Art of living is taking an interest in the right things," and about this his sermon centred. Only interested work can be good work and this interest exists only as there is a definite end in view—because the work produces something.

What ever you put into life you get out of it, and if you concentrate your interest on great things, you will be good—morally good.

An ancient solace for the present ills of life was the promise of a felicitous hereafter; this comfort, however, was not effective. An earnest interest in the great things of life is the true victory over all ills. The Christian Scientist has learned part of this truth in exhorting us not to give in to suffering, but to deny its existence.

Concentration of interest, however, continued the speaker, involves a choice—perhaps a sacrifice. You have freedom of choice, but, once committed, you cannot withdraw, no matter what activity of life you enter; and so you run the risk of making a false choice, and on this risk depends the moral value of your action for it involves that freedom which distinguishes man from the beasts.

Therefore, interest in life is man's most vital decision. The man who says he cannot change his disposition does not understand his nature; life is always moving, only death stands still.

The greatest interest in life is in God and his attributes and to take an interest in this is the Christian faith. "In accepting this as your supreme interest, you do not do so from a rational standpoint, but you are venturing on the hazard of spiritual fortune not the results of vigorous reasoning.

This opportunity, unreasoning as it is, is not forced upon you. The responsibility of choice is accorded you. "Withall the risks involved," he concluded, "concentrate upon one supreme point all of life and it means the choice of where, for you, God is to be seen."

Y.M.C.A. NOTES

The Y.M.C.A. is making arrangements to secure work during the Christmas holidays for any students who may wish to avail themselves of it.

The Y.M.C.A. will be deprived of its faithful General Secretary for a few days as he will be in his homeland, North Grey, in the immediate future on mysterious business of government (?) import. Such devotion to a desperate cause is most commendable.

Service will be read next Sunday morning in Convocation Hall, by Professor Robertson, of Knox.

SMALLER REGISTRATION

At Queen's this Year — Total is 1,489

The registration figures for Queen's University this session have just been made public by the Registrar. They show a decrease of 139 from last year, in the extra-mural list, but an increase intramurally of 16. The total number of students now registered is 1,489. There is a decrease in Science of 14, a phenomenon that is common to practically every university in America this year. Toronto has suffered much more severely in this respect than Queen's. The number of post-graduates in Arts is less this year by 36. Undergraduates in Arts show an increase of 21, in Medicine 15, and in Theology 5. Education exactly holds its own.-Queen's Journal.

Announcements

A meeting of Parliament will be held in Senate Chamber on Tuesday afternoon from 4.15 to 6.00 p.m.

There are a limited number of orchestra tickets remaining which will be put on sale to general public Monday and Tuesday afternoon, from 4-6 p.m., at Gym.

Meeting of the Executive of the Parliament of the Undergraduates is called in the Reading Room of the Union this afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Modern Language Club to be held this afternoon in Room 65 at 4.15, promises to be especially interesting. It is an English meeting, the chief speaker being Professor Alexander, on "Some Phases of the Modern English Drama." All welcome.

A meeting was held on Wednesday to organize the school hockey for the season. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Dr. Ellis; Pres., T. J. Mulqueen; Vice-Pres., Patton; Sr. School Manager, W. Wright; Jr. School Manager, E. P. Cameron.

The last meeting of Y.W. for this term will be held in the Y.M.C.A., at 4.45 on Tucsday. After some time of social intercourse, Dr. Benson will speak of her summer's experiences in Constantinople, Paris, etc. Let the attendance of this last assembly for 1911 be the very "best ever."

PARKER RECOVERING

The Varsity is glad to announce that Mr. W. C. Parker is slowly improving, after undergoing a serious operation for appendicitis on Monday last. It will be remembered that Mr., Parker was goal-tender in the Senior Inter-Collegiate team last winter, and played a brilliant game.

UNIVERSITY MONTHLY

The management of the University Monthly wishes to engage one student in each of the following towns to call upon a number of resident graduates during the Christmas holidays, in the interests of the magazine and to make collections.

A list of the graduates in each place will be furnished so that the student will know exactly how much work is to be done. A substantial commission is allowed and in no case will the work require more than two days' time.

Arrangements should be made at once by personal interview or by telephone with H. A. McTaggart, Room 51, Physics Bldg., who will give further information.

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ton, Lindsay, Kincardine, Owen Sound, Guelph, Brampton, Berlin, Galt, Brantford, Simcoe, Woodstock, St. Mary's, Stratford, St. Thomas, Goderich, Sarnia, Chatham, Windsor, Ottawa.

One reason why a suffragette can never be a "man of the hour" is because it always takes a woman an hour-and-a-half.

One of our prominent freshmen was very indignant upon leaving after a call, when he discovered that the family cat had chased his new fuzzy hat up the hall tree.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 12—Foresters' Club Dinner.
Dec. 12—U.T.R.A.Dinner and Prize Distribution.

Dec. 14—Theatre night.

Dec. 19—II. Year S.P.S. Dinner. Jan. 26—Arts Dance.

Feb. 1—Trinity College Conversatione.

Feb. 2-Dental "At Home."

Feb. 2—East Residence Dance. Feb. 29—Trinity Oratorical contest.

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TORONTO, DECEMBER 11, 1911

LACK OF INTEREST

In this issue appears a letter from Mr. Kingsford, a graduate of Toronto and President of the Canadian Defence League, appealing for a better attendance at the Military Lectures. We can quite understand that the hour, five o'clock, is an awkward one; by that time most of us feel that it is time to get some exercise; still it is regrettable that more men have not shown themselves willing to devote this one hour a week to learning something of military science. The lectures have been extremely interesting, and those who have attended them have certainly not regretted it. Next term, the course promises to be still more interesting, dealing as it will with selected campaigns in well-known wars. This course will give an idea of strategy and tactics essential to the efficiency of every officer, and we appeal to the undergraduate body to support the disinterested and enthusiastic gentlemen who have given us this course. Every man who is in any way interested, who has any idea of ever enlisting or of taking a commission, should make every effort to attend the lectures in the Easter term. It would be a lasting disgrace to the University, if for nothing but lack of undergraduate interest the authorities should have to discontinue the lectures.

For the benefit of all who for any reason were not able to attend the lectures this term, we announce that the October and November numbers of "The Canadian Defence," containing the first three lectures, with diagrams, in full, will be available at "The Varsity" office, next week, and that we expect to have the December number here before the term closes, with the rest of the lectures already delivered. The moderate subscription-\$1.00 the year-for this magazine should enable many to avail themselves of this opportunity. The Varsity expresses a sincere hope that the undergraduate body will, now that Rugby season is over, give greatly increased attention to this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

THEATRE NIGHT.

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:-I wish to call to the attention of the readers of The Varsity the methods, which have been used in selling theatre-night tickets this year. When we sent in our cards, we had the idea that we would get fair play, but when we turned at up the gymnasium what did we find? Organization and everyone coming in his proper turn? No!!! The first man gets the tickets regardless of turn. The man who honestly waits his turn has no chance, and before ten-thirty the first and second galleries were all sold to anyone who turned up with or without a ticket. Were we asked for our numbers? No!! That seems to have been only a scheme, to keep the crowd away.

The methods of the committee appear entirely incomprehensible. The number business seems to have been only a farce.

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MILITARY LECTURES.

The chairman denies any number of men

got in ahead of their number. Everyone

knows that it is a difficult task, and it is

hoped that this explanation will be satis-

factory to all.—Ed.1

The Editor of The Varsity:

Sir:-I ask leave through your columns to call attention of the men, undergraduates, to the course of Military Lectures which has been, this term given at the University. The attendance has fallen Continued on Page 3, Col. 3.

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

UNDERGRADUATE HUMOUR.

A sense of humour covers a multitude of sins. Turn a man into the world with this sixth sense and he will surely succeed-even in failure. A man that lacks a humourous sense is usually more successful in business, because he has a surfeit of that bank-account tonic, 'common sense.' But he can never have the happiness of the humourous man whose kindly eye is ever spying out opportunities for playing magnificent jokes—the feeding of a beggar, the raising of a downand-out, the financing of a poor inventor's worse invention. These are jokes that tickle the primitive heart of a man, original jokes, fundamental humour-that are too hard on the purse for any but your humourist to play. There is plenty of wit around 'Varsity. But wit is a cold, steely thing, that appeals to the intellect. Give us humour, that is of the heart. (There is not enough heart in evidence among us. We seem to take it as a sentimental hobby of poets and lovers.) Inculate in the U.T. man a sense of humour that will distinguish him. Let us have Professor DeLury, who is a great humourist, lecture us on the Phases of Humour. The Professor's mathematics are undoubtedly excellent,-but it has always seemed to me that it is the Professor's colossal sense of humour only, that has led him to be a scholar of such a rigid science.

This is merely a suggestion, and no doubt the Professor, if he read it, will smile his smile at the eternal comedy of the undergraduate, and then pass on to the fourth dimension. But the Onlooker is sincere in his plea that higher education should imbue that requisite of culture, a sense of humour.



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and officers

and officers of the Canadian Militia. In fact it corresponds to Woolwich and Sandhurst. The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which form such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound modern education.

The course includes a thorough grounding in Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the course, and, in addition, the constant practice of gymnastics, drills, and outdoor exercises of all kinds, ensures health and excellent physical condition.

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The length of the course is three years, in three terms of 9½ months each. The total cost of the course, including board, uniform, instructional material, and all extras, is about \$800.

The annual competitive examination for admission to the College, takes place in May of each year, at the headquarters of the several military districts.

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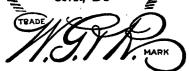
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FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Everyone will be pleased to learn that Sam Hewitt '14 who has been confined to his home since October by an attack of Typhoid Fever, is again able to be out, and has commenced attending clinics.

We note with regret that H. C. Sutton has contracted lobar pneumonia, and has been taken to his home in Cooksville. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The Professor of Anatomy has kindly invited the whole class of '14 to an Exam. in Anatomy, at his domain, the Anatomy Building, some time during the second week after Xmas Vacation. Members of the class who are intending to accept this invitation are expected to prepare certain conversational material in order that no pauses may occur during the little painful afiair. For topics see Morris' Anatomy.

In last issue it was intimated that some of the Meds were "Amorous." Of course this word means "lovable." I would like to add a few remarks.

There is a Med "Amorous? You bet! It has been said

This chap is Det. There is a veritable "Hen-Peck" in 1T4. There is also one who, in this resspect as well as in others, is truly a "Corker."

There is also one named Reeds, Famed for such like deeds. Said Bob, "It is my creed, To look after damsels in need."

KNOX COLLEGE

During the past few years Knox has experienced many changes on the professional staff, but this year we have sustained a heavy loss from a different department. On Friday last Mr. Thos. Richardson, who has attended to the human frailties during the past fourteen years, severed his connection with the college. He has seen so many changes in the college, has attended to the wants of so many men that his place will be difficult to fill. He carries with him the best wishes of all Knoxonians past and present.

The monotonous routine of study lost its phenomenal grasp upon the students on Thursday evening. At 10.30 p.m. they assembled in one of the classrooms cleared for the occasion. The double purpose of the convocation was to celebrate the glorious defeat of the football team by Mc-Master, and to present the retiring steward, Mr. T. Richardson with a beautiful fish-knife and fork, and Mrs. Richardson with a plant. After this solemn function was over and sandwich, coffee and apples had met their destined fate, the spirit of pandemonium took possession of the assembled throng and the sanctimonious walls of Knox heard strange sounds. Songs, sundry and unheard of athletic stunts, and theatrical performances rendered in unique costumes fearfully and wonderfully made kept the crowd in one continuous paroxysm of side-splitting laughter till past midnight.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The following notice on the bulletin board may have escaped the attention of some of the students:

There will be written examinations in French as follows:--IV year, Honour, December 19, from 9 to 10 in room 4; III year. Honour: December 20, from 9 to 10, in room 4; IV year, Pass, December 18, from 12 to 1 in room 6; III year Pass, De-

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The University College dinner held Friday night is unanimously voted the most successful function of its kind ever held in the College. The menu was excellent, the speakers were interesting and the attendance was all that could be desired.

Several students are complaining about the lighting in the library. Not only are the lights so sensitive to the motion of the tables that they keep continually flickering, but a surprisingly large number of the lamps have no bulbs in them at all.

Correspondence—Continued

off and I fear the lack of interest will discourage very much those in charge. Allow me to remind the undergraduates that this course has been inaugurated as part of a comprehensive system of military education. The Imperial War office and the Dominion Militia Department have united in undertaking that where a University furnishes military instruction, competent Lectures will be provided. Major Philips of the King's Royal Rifles, the Imperial officer detailed by the War office as Military instructor for the Military Division, of which Toronto forms part, has arranged the Lectures already given and is arranging for those to be given next Term. The scant encouragement so far received from the undergraduates is not a welcome sign for next term. It will not be fair to ask the Militia Department to go to the expense of sending lecturers to lecture to empty benches nor ought the lecturers who are admittedly competent to be treated so slightingly.

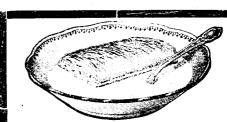
I would remind your readers also that the Lectures are to be printed and distributed with "Canadian Defence" to all undergraduates who pay one dollar and become associate members of the League. These papers will be not only of permanent value but also an assistance to those who wish to compete for the prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20 offered by the Ontario Division.

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Yours truly, R. E. Kingsford. President Ontario Division, Canadian

Defence League. [Mr. Kingsford's letter will claim the more attention from us, as he is a graduate of Toronto. He feels, as do many graduates and undergraduates, very keenly, on this subject. It is largely through him that Toronto was the University selected by the Government to receive these military lectures, and he and those that worked with him have been greatly disappointed in the attendance at them. It is probable that if more general interest is not taken, the lectures will be discontinued, which will be a very unfortunate reflection upon the public spirit at Toronto. Next term the lectures are on selected campaigns, and we hope that the attendance will be markedly improved.-Ed.



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Excellent Speaking

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In proposing the toast, Mr. Bell coupled with it the name of Prof. deChamp. In reply Prof. de Champ made a brilliantly witty speech, giving some of his first impressions of Canada as he had felt then. when first he landed on the sacred soil of Canada." Such things as the prevalent habit of chewing gum, the great concern exhibited among Canadians as to one's spiritual welfare, the rather rude chatter of the street arabs and many other characteristics of Canadian life were touched on. These impressions, however, had given place to others which had been arrived at after a stay of some 15 years in our

The speaker had something to say on the bi-lingual School question. He regretted that public opinion was so far astray in its conception of the French Canadian. He was eager to learn English and said the speaker, "I don't know of a man in Quebec who does not take advantage of the opportunity to learn English. If they do not in Ontario it is not because they do not want to." It was stated by the speaker that among these people the presence of English influences was more predominant than here. Closing the Professor said he had come to regard the men not only as his students but himself as a member of their family. (Applause).

THE UNIVERSITIES.

"The Universities" was proposed by Mr. Bert Alley '12 and responded to by Mr. J. M. MacDonnell, a Queen's University Rhodes Scholar man. Mr. McDonnell in an entertaining and instructive manner gave his impressions of English University life as revealed at Oxford and drew some comparisons between the college life in Canadian Universities and those of the Mother Country. Representatives from McMaster and Trinity were present and responded to the toast bringing to University College the best wishes of their respective alma maters.

THE PRESS.

"The Press" was proposed by Principal M. Hutton, Principal Hutton stated that the charge of blackmailing could not be made against the press of our city. A healthy regard of the sense of the fitness of things is observed and ordinarily affairs, better not opened up before the public are left in their proper place.

The charge which was brought against the press was that of the spirit of democracy. "The man in the street has become the final court of appeal where everything is accorded its fate either of approval or condemnation. The public is the result of this spirit of democracy because everything has to be brought into the limelight of publicity. All men pay homage to this.

Superseding the Church and State, the press is now the great inquisition. Every man is put before the world as an actor who must play largely to the gallery and please the gods. This was one point in support of the "last-ditchers" in the late political battle in England. They realised this and thus brought to the notice of the man in the street a revolution which perhaps he might not have realised except for them.

By virtue of this desire for publicity, reticence one all characteristic of diplomacy no longer figures. In this way each nation is regarding her neighbors motives constantly and jealously and as a result maintenance of peace is a great difficulty.

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In responding to the toast R. L. Campbell, Editor-in-chief of Varsity stated that every effort should be made to meet King Demos on his own grounds and fight him tooth and nail.

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system were purely local and therefore the decision should be local. Every failure was due to some defect in the particular case and that this constituted an argument in favour, not of prohibition, but merely restriction.

While the judges were deciding the audience was pleasantly entertained with vocal solos by Geo. Stephenson and a humorous recitation by G. L. Rodd.

McMASTER WINS FROM WYCLIFFE.

On Friday evening a large audience witnessed a battle royal between two ancient adversaries, in the Semi-Final Debate for the Inter-College Trophy.

Rev. Walter Ellis, M.A., occupied the chair. The Judges were J. F. Mackay, Esq., His Honor Judge Sutherland and Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D. The subject for Debate was "Resolved, that Socialism is in the Best Interests of Society.'

In opening for the affirmative J. D. Mackenzie Naughton, for Wycliffe, referred to the fact that Socialism suffers much at the hands of unwise followers, and from the strong feelings in vogue against changing the existing conditions of things.

Mr. L. A. Dixon, B.A., who supported him said that the Marxian Doctrine of Socialism had been rejected by the leaders of present day socialism.

But he showed that the economic application of democracy, which is socialism, is in the best interests of society.

The leader of the negative, Mr. A. Haddon for McMaster said, that socialism in its present form is based on false premises, calls for revolution, subverts family, is too visionary, and therefore cannot be in the best interests of society.

Mr. E. F. Newton, B.A., of MacMaster, supporting the negative, admitted the necessity of readjustment of existing wrongs but considered that Socialism was a production entirely incompatible with the liberty of the individual to work, how, where, and as he will. That it was practically an autocracy or was leading up to it; and the affirmative must show that this is not the trend of the Socialism of the day. Social reform is the happy middle course.

During the evening Miss Orton gave a vocal solo, and both McMaster and Wycliffe partizans enlivened the proceeding with the usual parodies, both old and new, which created a little "divarsity."

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